

# East Lothian Council

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1. Is your organisation using any algorithms and/or artificial intelligence software in the process of delivering public services?

No

2. If Yes, please provide details:

Not applicable

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

- (i) Of the algorithms or artificial intelligence software you use;
- (ii) Of whether you use a commercial product or whether you have developed your own system;
- (iii) Of the purpose for which the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software operates;
- (iv) Of the decisions the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software is asked to make or assist;
- (v) Of the type, classification and amount of data that the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software uses in the decision making process;

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- (vi) Of the process by which the decision made or assisted by the algorithm is subject to human review;
- (vii) Of the process by which you inform an individual that they have been subject to a decision made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software?
- (viii) Of the process by which a member of the public can challenge a decision that has been made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software;